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PRODUCTION OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cotton variety F-414 has now become virtually non-existent and has disappeared from the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to either revive this variety of cotton or to develop a new equivalent or a better variety?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) The presence of F-414 cotton variety has significantly reduced in the market.

(b) Variety F 414 was released by the Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana in 1978. It continued to be popular till 1987-88. Since then, the cultivation of F 414 has gradually decerased.

(c) Many varieties better than F 414 have been developed and released for cultivation during late 1980s and early 1990s. Important examples are F286, F505, F1054, F 846 and F1378.These new varieties are betten than F 414 in yield and quality. However, the name F414 is still being used in trade circles for superior medium staple varieties in Northern India.